

CIA Speech Wins in District

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What is the future of the C. I. A.? The future is gone unless something can be done. Who's crucifying them? You, you the people of the United States are throwing a perfect union, justice, defense, the common welfare, and the American idea down the drain.

Intelligence is a necessity, ignorance is a downfall. October 1962, Soviet missiles have been spotted in Cuba. By whom? The Intelligence. This conflict may never had arisen if C. I. A. attempts to silence Castro's Cuba had been successful. The small insignificant island of Cuba! How can they threaten the United States, a major world power? Ignorance, to Soviet attempts to create trouble with the United States. The

Soviet Union was supplying Cuba with nuclear arms that could wipe out two-thirds of the United States.

We were on the verge of a thermonuclear war and now you ask why intelligence, or why cover up, or why secret operations? With political corruption sweeping the country, trying in vain to dissolve these united people, we have secrecy, for what the United States citizen knows today the world knew yesterday.

Even in open societies practical considerations demand that the organization be kept from the public's view and their work be made known only to those who must know.

Without intelligence, espionage would be a way of life. Ignorance would be the

downfall of our government. Freedom, democracy, individual rights, we all cherish, but cannot defend them alone. With the aid of the C. I. A. and other government agencies we can throw down our automatic weapons. After all is not war avoidable?

No one person built the C. I. A. It was built by the loyal sacrificial efforts of dedicated Americans. In between the world wars our intelligence system broke down. The army and navy had separate intelligence units, designed to meet their specific needs in time of war. But there was no one organization to study the whole flow of information. So it is of no surprise to know that our various agencies had in hand days before Pearl Harbor all the essential information regarding the Japanese Fleet, only no one could put it all together.

It was to correct this deficiency that the Central Intelligence Agency was created under the National Security Act of 1947. Gathering intelligence is not pleasant but rather a duty that must be done.

I believe the C. I. A. to be a very human organization. It was built by the loyal efforts of we the people. You can depend on them day or night and weekend should an emergency arise.

As I looked into the C. I. A., I saw it was far larger than I had realized. The shadows disappeared and the mystery was no longer a mystery. I found in the C. I. A. a stirring story of American pioneers on the frontier of national security.

In recent years and months a campaign of falsehoods and rumors have been directed against the C. I. A. by some ignorant and subversive elements. In the world wide

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struggle of free peoples, intelligence has been one of our most potent weapons, and the loyalty of the C. I. A., speaks for itself. It is the best answer to rumors, halftruths and falsehoods, spread by fools, their stooges and defenders.

The Central Intelligence Agency of the United States of America, of the people, by the people, for the people. It is unfortunate that so many citizens of our great country have either been misled or are ignorantly blind.

Vigorous nations depend on their leaders to devise strategy that will provide both for their security and their economic and political well being. History teaches us that these leaders cannot meet these responsibilities unless they know the political, economic, and military capabilities and intentions of other nations. To protect our security, sound decisions can be made only against a wall of knowledge.

During the Korean conflict, the C. I. A. placed valuable material into the hands of President Truman. Spotting, mapping and estimating the sizes of cities, hydro-electric plants, and the Chinese rice harvest. Such information if not provided could have had disastrous affects leading to a full scale world war.

How about the recent past? Watergate, a touchy subject? Not at all for the C. I. A. Receiving and obeying orders they merely tried to cover the investigations to keep "faith in our government."

The world nor yourself may ever realize the importance of our intelligence agency. Therefore I will leave you with but one question. Where would we, the United States of America, stand today as one nation, one government, and one people?

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